

Governor Carney, Delaware Prosperity Partnership to Host Conversations on Economic Development

Public events scheduled in all three counties to discuss Delaware's economy, economic development

WILMINGTON, Del. – Governor John Carney and the [Delaware Prosperity Partnership \(DPP\)](#) announced community conversations on economic development efforts scheduled in all three counties. Governor Carney, co-chair of the DPP, will join DPP President, W. Kurt Foreman, as well as DPP staff and board members, to provide an update on the public-private partnership that leads economic development for the state.

The Delaware Prosperity Partnership is responsible for attracting, growing and retaining businesses; building a stronger entrepreneurial and innovation ecosystem; and supporting private employers in identifying, recruiting and developing talent in the state of Delaware. The state jointly funds the partnership's operations with private business.

Governor Carney worked closely with members of the General Assembly to approve the concept and funding for the public-private entity. In August 2017, Governor Carney signed [House Bill 226](#), creating the Delaware Prosperity Partnership and the [Division of Small Business](#) within the Delaware Department of State.

Governor Carney signed [Executive Order #1](#) on his first full day in office to create the Economic Development Working Group

to explore a new economic development strategy. Governor Carney's economic development plan was built on [recommendations](#) from the Economic Development Working Group. Strategically partnering with the private sector on economic growth was a key recommendation of the Governor's [Action Plan for Delaware](#).

DPP Community Conversations on Economic Development

Each event is open to members of the public and press.

Tuesday, February 19 – GEORGETOWN

WHO:	Governor John Carney
	W. Kurt Foreman, President, Delaware Prosperity Partnership
	Becky Harrington, Director of Business Development, Delaware Prosperity Partnership
	Rob Rider, CEO, O.A. Newton and Delaware Prosperity Partnership Board Member
	Ed Kee, Former Secretary of Agriculture and Delaware Prosperity Partnership Board Member
	State Representative Bill Bush, Delaware Prosperity Partnership Board Member
	State Representative Lyndon Yearick, Delaware Prosperity Partnership Board Member
	State Senator Ernesto Lopez
	State Senator David Wilson
	State Representative Daniel Short

WHEN:	Tuesday, February 19, 2019
	5:30 p.m.

WHERE:	Delaware Technical Community College
	Jack Owens Campus

	21179 College Drive
	Georgetown, DE 19947

Wednesday, March 20 – DOVER

WHO:	Governor John Carney
	W. Kurt Foreman, President, Delaware Prosperity Partnership
	Becky Harrington, Director of Business Development, Delaware Prosperity Partnership
	State Representative Lyndon Yearick, Delaware Prosperity Partnership Board Member
	State Senator Colin Bonini
	State Senator Dave Lawson
	State Representative Kevin Henlsey

WHEN:	Wednesday, March 20, 2019
	6:00 p.m.

WHERE:	Delaware Technical Community College
	Charles L. Terry Campus, Jr.
	100 Campus Drive
	Dover, DE 19904

Tuesday, April 2 – WILMINGTON

WHO:	Governor John Carney
	W. Kurt Foreman, President, Delaware Prosperity Partnership
	Becky Harrington, Director of Business Development, Delaware Prosperity Partnership
	State Representative Lyndon Yearick, Delaware Prosperity Partnership Board Member
	State Senator Anthony Delcollo

	State Representative Krista Griffith
	State Representative Gerald Brady
	State Representative Paul Baumbach
	State Representative Nnamdi Chukwuocha
	State Representative Sherry Dorsey Walker

WHEN:	Tuesday, April 2, 2019
	6:00 p.m.

WHERE:	Arsht Hall – University of Delaware
	2700 Pennsylvania Ave
	Wilmington, DE 19806